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Testimony In Favor of
HB 6528 AAC Clean Marinas

In Opposition to
SB 1008 AAC The Streamlining Of Certain Programs Of The Department Of Energy And
Environmental Protection
SB 759 AAC The Waiver Of Fines And Penalties For Certain Business Regulation Violations

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HB 6528

The health of Long Island Sound is important to the state in many ways. The Sound also
contributes significantly to the economy of the state.

This bill would both help support practices that minimize pollution generated from
marina activities and ensure that dredging operations keep the marinas accessible. It would
create jobs and help the small business associated with marina activities.

Sierra endorses this bill, and recommends the testimony filed by Save the Sound.

SB 1008

The general permit system was designed for relatively small projects. It was not intended
to permit major activities. This bill would allow general permits for major projects which,
because of their potential to have large impacts, need to be permitted individually.

Sierra advises that this bill could allow serious negative impacts from projects which
were not scrutinized sufficiently.

SB 759

While harsh penalty schemes may not be in the public interest, granting a penalty free
waiver to a violator is not good public policy. It would remove the fear of consequences from a
potential wrong-doer, who will know he can simply rectify the violation if he is caught.

Sierra recommends against this bill.